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NEWS RELEASE

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Border Patrol Agents Seize 2,116 Pounds of Marijuana

Marijuana Valued at over \$1.6 Million Dollars

McALLEN, Texas – Chief Patrol Agent Jose E. Garza announces that Border Patrol Agents from the Rio Grande City Station patrolling the Rio Grande River on Nov. 20, 2002, seized 2,116 pounds of Marijuana, east of Rio Grande City, Texas.

Approximately 5 miles east of Rio Grande City near Los Puertos Ranch, Border Patrols Agents discovered fresh footprints leading downriver from their location. The Agents followed the footprints for approximately 200 yards when they discovered several bundles hidden nearby in the brush. The Agents discovered a total of 29 bundles of marijuana, weighing 2,116 pounds. A search of the area for suspects and additional contraband proved negative. No arrests were made during this seizure.

The marijuana was turned over to the Drug Enforcement Administration.

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